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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Preikschat, P. et al. : Group Art Unit:
Serial No.: 09/171,558 : Examiner
Filing Date: October 19, 1998 :
For: CHROMIUM(VI)-FREE CONVERSION LAYER
AND METHOD FOR PRODUCING IT

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington DC 20231

Sir/Madam:

In advance of prosecution, please amend the above identified application as follows.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 1, line 1, delete "Description";

after line 2, insert centered BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Field of the Invention--

lines 4-5, delete "according to claim 1";

lines 5-6, change "according to claim 7, a concentrate according to claim 10,
a passivation" into "and a passivation solution";

lines 6-8, before "bath" insert --solution--; and

after line 8, delete the rest of the paragraph; and at the margin insert --
Description of the Background .

Page 5, lines 16 and 30, change "US 43 84 902" into --US 4,384,902--;

lines 18-25, delete in their entireties;

line 26, change "US 43 59 348" into --US 4,359,348;